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OF

HER MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,

QUEEN VICTORIA.

21ST JUNE, 1887.

*May all love
His love, unseen but felt, o'ershadow thee,
The love of all thy sons encompass thee
The love of all thy daughters cherish thee*
THE LOVE OF ALL THY PEOPLE COMFORT THEE
'Till God's love set thee at His side again!

TENNYSON'S *Dedication of the
Idylls of the King.*

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To

HIS EXCELLENCY

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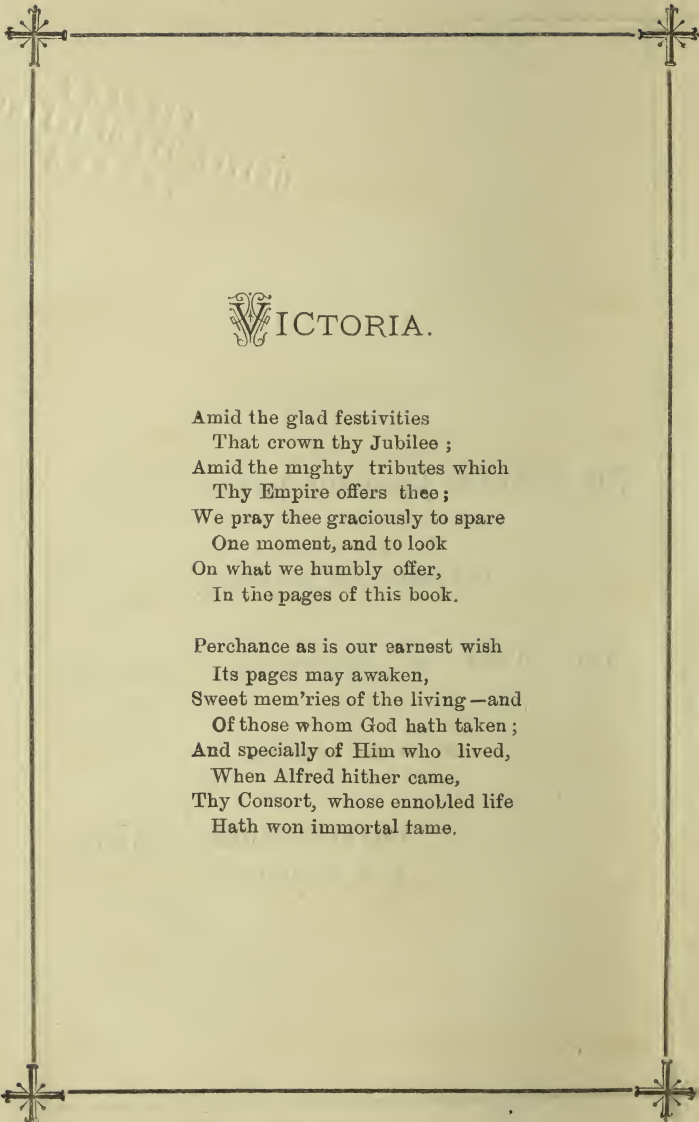
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VICTORIA.

Amid the glad festivities
That crown thy Jubilee ;
Amid the mighty tributes which
Thy Empire offers thee ;
We pray thee graciously to spare
One moment, and to look
On what we humbly offer,
In the pages of this book.

Perchance as is our earnest wish
Its pages may awaken,
Sweet mem'ries of the living—and
Of those whom God hath taken ;
And specially of Him who lived,
When Alfred hither came,
Thy Consort, whose ennobled life
Hath won immortal fame.



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PREFACE.

IN offering this little volume to the public, we feel that a few words by way of introduction, explaining the motive which induced us to undertake the task of adding one more to the world's already countless literary productions, are necessary. It will be evident to any one who reads the following pages, that our aim was certainly not elegance of style or expression; and whatever merit the work itself has, the subject alone, has conferred upon it. But while hundreds of brains were busily at work, each endeavouring to form a scheme for memorializing in some fitting way, so important and happy an event, as the attainment by Our Gracious Queen of the fiftieth year of her reign, it is not surprising that the thought should have suggested itself to us, to devote ourselves to a similar task. While, however, the result of the deliberations of many, has been the desire, afterwards so



warmly taken up throughout the length and breadth of the Empire, to institute ceremonies of pomp and grandeur, whereby the feelings of joy and loyalty of Her Majesty's subjects from pole to pole, might find an outlet, it seemed to us that we might erect, if not so striking, perhaps a more lasting, memorial of the happy event, in a book of this sort. We knew that the ceremonial fetes to take place on the days appointed for the celebration of the JUBILEE were necessarily but short-lived, and thought that if to general rejoicings and merriment, we added this tribute, however small and insignificant, of our loyalty, and of our respect for the character and life of Her Majesty, it would be a more permanent record of those feelings, which have induced us to add this humble offering to the countless others, which will doubtless spring from every part of Her Great Empire, and be laid at Her Majesty's feet on the fiftieth anniversary of Her accession to the throne.

It must not be supposed, that because we are some three thousand miles or more, from England, we are not essentially English in taste and sympathy; nay, the feeling has of late gained great

force amongst all Englishmen, whether colonists or otherwise, that every little colony, however small and unimportant its functions as regard the Mother Country may be, is as essentially a part of that great body politic called the Empire, as are the various members of the human body necessary to the good working and harmony of the whole machinery of man; and there can be no doubt that the good feeling, which has always existed between the Mother Country and her offspring, the colonies, and which happily has of late become more marked, has done much to weld together into one compact body, the component parts, whereof the British Empire is formed. That this good feeling which we have described, may in future years be yet more fully developed, and a still greater concentration of interests take place, is the wish and prayer of a great majority of the colonists.

The affection which all here, who think and speak of OLD ENGLAND as 'home' feel for her, is at the present day as keen as it was when our forefathers first set foot on this isolated "land of figs" and carved on a tree, "JAMES, K. of E. and of this Island." That this is so, is evident from the ardour with

which the colonists are now preparing to do honour to their Sovereign, in celebrating the Jubilee year of her reign.

Having therefore determined to write something, our next thought was of the subject. Our desire naturally was to make our much-loved little Island in some way our theme; but so much has been already said and written about Barbados that we found ourselves confronted by a great difficulty. We were not aware however, that any systematic attempt had ever been made by the various writers of Barbadian History, or by the literary men who have called at our shores, to chronicle the visits of Royalty with which our Island has from time to time been favoured, and it appeared to us that in no more acceptable way to Her Majesty, could we prove our loyalty and respect than by compiling and publishing a true and faithful account of the visits of those near and dear to Her, viz: Her Uncle, Father, Son and Grandsons.

Our thanks are especially due to Mr WILLIAM THOMAS EVERSLEY, of *Kingsland* Plantation, Christ Church, who furnished us with much information which we could not otherwise have obtained, and to Mr. JAMES FRASER, of Broad Street, who

kindly placed at our disposal the files of several very old newspapers, and also gave us a good deal of valuable assistance. Nor can we sufficiently express our gratitude to Mr. A. H. S. BURNETT, of 32 Mark Lane, London, for the trouble he has taken to further the publication of this book.

In conclusion, we ask that our offering may not be weighed by the standard of its intrinsic value, but regarded as the outcome of our loyal veneration for OUR QUEEN.



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No. 1.

PRINCE WILLIAM HENRY (DUKE OF
CLARENCE) AFTERWARDS KING
WILLIAM IV.

HIS Royal Highness Prince William Henry arrived in Carlisle Bay on the 24th of November, 1786, in command of the frigate "Pegasus." He was received at Government House, then called "Pilgrim," with every possible mark of respect by the Governor, Major David Parry, and was welcomed by the Colonists with the greatest demonstrations of loyalty and affection. On the 27th November a special meeting of the Council was held at "Pilgrim," at which were present the Governor, and the Honourables Henry Frere, William Senhouse, Wm. Bishop, John Best, John Ince, Timothy Callender,

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A. Cumberbatch, Miles Brathwaite, and Thomas Græme. "His Excellency acquainted the Board that he had been induced to call them together before the intended time of Meeting to afford them the opportunity which he was sensible the Members would most cordially embrace of congratulating the son of their beloved Sovereign, His Royal Highness Prince William Henry, on his arrival at this Island."

On which General Frere moved that an address of congratulation should be presented to His Royal Highness, and that a Committee should be appointed to present it, and that the Council should join with the Assembly "in making ample provision for Public entertainment, and every honor due to the Prince's high rank." The following address was then adopted :—

"To His Royal Highness Prince William Henry, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, Captain of His Majesty's Ship 'Pegasus,' &c., &c., &c.

The Humble Address of His Majesty's Council of the Island of Barbados—

May it please Your Royal Highness.

“The Members of His Majestys Council anxious to pay every degree of respect and to shew every kind of attention to Your Royal Highness and wishing to express the satisfaction we feel at the honor of receiving your Royal Highness in this His Majestys faithful Colony beg leave to present this address of congratulation on your arrival in this distant part of the Empire, an humble tribute due not more to the duty we owe to the best of Princes, Our Most Gracious Sovereign, than in justice to Your Royal Highness’s merit. Your Royal Highness’s noble conduct in scorning the elegancies of life, and assiduously attending thus early to the service of Great Britain, and your illustrious example in that most useful and important line of life you have chosen, demand not only general praise, but merit the grateful thanks of every British subject.

“May that life long be preserved which promises so much Public benefit!

“May some future page record the glorious conduct of your Royal Highness! and may the annals of Great Britain swell with the applause, and acknowledge the virtues of Britain’s amiable Son!”

The Honourable Mr. Senhouse then moved, seconded by Colonel Bishop.—

“That a sword such as shall be fitting for an illustrious Prince to accept and a loyal and generous people to give, may be procured as soon as possible and presented to His Royal Highness Prince William Henry, Commander of H. M. Ship “Pegasus” as an humble but sincere mark of that veneration and affection which the Legislature of Barbados entertain for a Prince who has graciously condescended to visit their Island, and who has voluntarily given up the elegant enjoyments of a polished Court to engage in the dangers and inconveniences of a seafaring life in the service of his Country.”

This Resolution having been adopted, it was sent down to the House of Assembly and the House was asked to join in it.

A Bill “for defraying the Expense of entertaining His Royal Highness,” which had been passed by the Assembly, was then read three times and passed by the Council, and immediately assented to by the Governor; and the Council then adjourned until the following day.

On the morrow when the Council

resumed its sitting, they received a Resolution from the House, with reference to the proposed presentation sword, stating "that it was the established privilege of the House that all grants of Public money should originate in the House, and not in the Council Chamber, and that the House could not consistently with such privilege accede to any proposition for the expenditure of the public money for whatever purpose or under whatsoever form the same might come from the Council."

Having resisted this invasion of their privileges, the House of Assembly then without delay passed "An Act for appling the sum of three hundred guineas in the purchase of a sword as a present to His Royal Highness Prince William Henry." This Bill having been passed by the Council was immediately assented to by Governor Parry, who in assenting to it stated that "it met with his highest approbation."

A joint Committee of the Council and Assembly was then appointed to present His Royal Highness with a copy of this Act and to request him to accept of this Present from the Colony "as a token of the loyalty and attachment of the

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“Island of Barbados.”

There is no doubt that this gift was a liberal one, as at the time the finances of the Island were not in a flourishing condition owing to the combined effects of the awful hurricane of 1780 and the public expenditure which had been entailed consequent on the war between Great Britain and France.

The Address of the Council which, as already stated, had been adopted by them on the motion of General Frere, having been presented to the Prince, His Royal Highness was pleased to return the following reply:—

“Gentlemen of His Majesty’s Council !

“In a colony so ancient, and so essentially useful to the Mother Country, it gives me the highest satisfaction, to see the sincere and dutiful attachment that is felt by all ranks of people, but more particularly by the Members of His Majesty’s Council for the King, my Royal Father. I shall with real pleasure, seize the very first opportunity to inform His Majesty of the sentiments entertained of his sacred person in this most valuable Island.”

"I feel, gentlemen, from the un-
"merited regard with which you thought
"proper to treat me, that I am laid under
"the obligation of doing from gratitude,
"what I ought from duty. Whenever
"therefore I may be called upon to serve
"in these seas, my attention shall be
"firmly and steadily devoted to the in-
"terest of this Island, which from her
"riches, commerce, and present thriving
"state, and peculiar situation, is of such
"material consequence to Great Britain."

"WILLIAM."

On the motion of the Honourable Mr. Ince, the Council's Address and the Prince's Reply thereto, were published in "both the public Papers of the Island."

Loyal Addresses were also presented by the Assembly, the clergy, the merchants, and "even the Jews," as Poyer informs us. Balls were given in his honour at Government House and he was sumptuously entertained by the Legislature, at the public expense.

Socially the Prince appears to have made himself quite at home, and to have elicited the loyalty and affection of all ranks. At one of the balls at Govern-

ment House, given in his honour, he danced the country dance with the pretty Miss D———. It happened that during the dance (probably Sir Roger de Coverley) the Prince and his partner had reached the further end of the set and finished the figure, when his attention was drawn to a lively conversation which was being kept up by the pair which immediately followed him, and which chanced to be Sir John Gay Alleyne, the Speaker of the Assembly, and the lovely Miss B———. The lady was laughing in high glee at some incident that had attracted her notice and Sir John was vainly urging her to explain it to him. The lively colloquy engaging the Prince's attention he called out: "Baronet kiss her, kiss her till she tells you!" which the Baronet instantly did, saying that "he could do no less than obey the command of the son of his Sovereign." "Nor can I," instantly remarked the Prince, "do less than follow so gallant an example," and he kissed her too. Then turning to his own partner he exclaimed, "Upon my word Miss D———, so fair a lady must not be made jealous," and kissed her before she could possibly resist—"had she been so inclined," Order-

son drily observes.

Indeed to put it in the language of Burns, His Royal Highness appears to have been somewhat like

“The wisest man that ever lived

“Who dearly loved the lasses O!”

for it is related of him on good authority that on another occasion he noticed at an evening party at “Springfield,” then the residence of Mr. Dalrymple one of the leading gentlemen of the Island, a young lady with whose beauty the Prince seems to have been much struck. On asking her name and being told it was Devonish, he exclaimed—“Devonish!—no you mean “Devilish—for she’s Devilish handsome.” Years afterwards Mr. Dalrymple paid a visit to the Mother Country, and while there called on the Prince, who was very pleased to see him again and entertained him hospitably—for, as it has been truly said of him he always was both as a Prince and a King, a “sincere friend.”

How long he remained at Barbados is uncertain, but that his stay must have been of some duration is evidenced by the fact of his having visited several of the distinguished families of the Island, at their residences in the country, notably Sir John Gay Alleyne, at his mansion in

the parish of Saint Peter called "Alleyne-dale."

There is another anecdote told of this Prince which has given birth to a colloquial expression largely in vogue to the present day. At an entertainment given on board the "Pegasus" to a large party, the Prince began for some unknown reason to abuse the Marines. "They're a useless lot" he exclaimed petulantly. Having then filled his glass with champagne, draining the bottle, he flung it on the floor of the saloon. "Bah" he said "that's like a marine!" (meaning that the bottle being empty was useless.) A commanding officer sitting by, who seemed a great deal more favourably disposed to the marines than the Prince, replied gravely: "Yes, Your Royal Highness, that *is* like a marine; for it has done its duty and is ready to do it again!" To the present day an empty champagne bottle goes by the appellation, among the people of this Island, of a "marine."

At the time of the Prince's visit, Rachel Polegreen, a corpulent old negro-woman, kept a small hotel in Bridgetown which she afterwards called the "Royal Navy Hotel" from the circumstance of the Prince having made the place his

temporary abode when on shore. She was wont to sit at the door of this hotel in a great armchair which it is averred her huge proportions "amply filled." The following incident is related as having occurred at this place of fashionable resort of the gentlemen at the time. His Royal Highness had dined with the mess of the 49th Regiment at St. Ann's Garrison, and returning to the hotel in the evening, in a merry mood, accompanied by some of the Officers, he commenced a "royal frolic" by breaking up the furniture etc., and with the assistance of his willing companions carried on the sport with such activity, that in a couple of hours everything was completely demolished—the very beds being cut up and thrown into the street, and the feathers being scattered in every direction so as to represent an impromptu snow-storm. Pier-glasses, pictures, chandeliers and lamps were smashed in a moment—decanters, goblets, wine glasses and china sharing the same fate, while the hotel resounded with shouts of merry laughter and outbursts of fun from the Prince and his associates. A crowd soon collected outside—as they were no policemen in those days to make them "move on"—

but the sly and cunning "Miss Rachael," although perfectly aware of what was going on, sat quite passive in her great armchair at the door of the hotel. Servant after servant came running to her to announce the havoc that was being done to her property but the stoical hostess would not budge an inch. With unruffled brow she sat in her old armchair and as each fresh communication was made to her she would reply with seeming indifference. "Go—go 'long man! he dah 'know he a king's son! if he canno' do 'wha' he please who d'en can do'um? 'Let he 'lone. Let he 'muse heself," Soon, however, the Prince had to return on board of his ship, and as he was taking his departure he encountered "Miss Rachael" still passively occupying her accustomed seat at the door. He bid her "good night" and to crown his sport, upset her and the chair together, leaving her unwieldy body wriggling in the street, to the great amusement of the crowd. Rachael, however, showed no anger at this—only calling out in her sweetest tones, "Mass Prince! Mass Prince! you must come ma-morning to see wha' mischief you been do!" and after a little floundering, and some assistance from the

bystanders, resumed her seat as if nothing of any consequence had happened. Next day however, Miss Rachael learned that the Prince was to sail in the evening for Saint Vincent. Without delay, a clerk was here—a servant there—in fact, friendly disposed persons were everywhere about the hotel taking down items with the pens of ready writers, and making an exhaustive inventory of the overnight's destruction—the good dame reserving to herself the privilege of valuing her articles—and before noon, one of the satellites of the hotel was on the deck of the “Pegasus” with a “full, true and particular account” of the loss, destruction and damage sustained by Miss Rachael on the preceding evening—accompanied by a humble petition for indemnity—the losses being put down at £700 sterling. The “Sailor Prince” made no question about the correctness of the account, but sent her an Order for the amount on a respectable mercantile firm in Bridgetown, by whom the Order was duly honoured and ‘cashed,’ and “Miss Rachael” was thereby enabled to furnish her hotel with more splendour than ever. She lived to a good old age, and nothing pleased her more than to entertain her customers with lively an-

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ecdotes of the Prince, and to tell them of his royal generosity.

In the evening after this "royal frolic," the Prince bid adieu to the shores of Barbados, and we may rest assured (although we have no evidence, written or verbal, respecting it), that he received on his departure every honour due to his rank—for by his frankness, his sincerity, and the simplicity of his manners, he won the loyal hearts of the people of this colony.

In commemoration of his visit to Barbados the Municipal Authorities called a street—"Prince William Henry Street" which name it still bears—it being the first street His Royal Highness passed through on landing in Bridgetown.

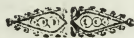
His memory seems to have been devotedly cherished by the colonists for some time after his departure, as appears from the following extract of Governor Parry's speech to the Legislature on the 16th January, 1787, viz:—

"Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the Assembly!"

"Prince William Henry when in this Island, having from the purest motives of

humanity discovered to me his wishes that some relief might, by a Bill of Insolvency, be given to the debtors in gaol, I am satisfied (from the knowledge I have of your liberal minds) *that to mention the measure, will secure your compliance with His Royal Highness' benevolent sentiments.*" (Italics ours.)

We need hardly say that His Excellency the Governor had not misinterpreted the feeling of the House of Assembly: for an Act of Insolvency was shortly afterwards passed and it remains to this day a monument of humanity and loyalty.



No. 2.

PRINCE EDWARD—DUKE OF KENT.

ON the 21st January, 1793, the French Republicans beheaded the unfortunate Louis the XVI, and war soon afterwards broke out between Great Britain and France. On the 6th January, 1794, Sir John Jervis with a fleet of ships of war, having on board a large body of soldiers under the command of Sir Charles Grey, arrived in Carlisle Bay bound on an expedition for the reduction of Martinique, which Island had been seized by the French Republicans. Shortly after this armament had left Barbados for Martinique and while it was actively prosecuting the enterprise, His Royal Highness Prince Edward (the father of Her Majesty, Queen Victoria of England) bearing the rank of a Major-General arrived in Carlisle Bay, from Halifax with the intention of joining the expedition. His

arrival was quite unlooked for, and his stay was of so short a duration that no opportunity was given either to the President administering the Government (Colonel William Bishop) or to the Colonists to manifest their loyalty to the young Prince. The frigate in which he arrived had not only anchored in the bay, but had despatched her boats to the shore to obtain a supply of water, before even the "Captain of the Ports" as he was then officially styled, an officer corresponding to the "Harbour Master" of to-day, had made his appearance alongside of her. At length, however, this official, in the person of Mr. John Adlam, who is said to have been a half-witted, uneducated man, but zealous in the discharge of his duties, came alongside in his boat. His blue coat, ornamented with red cuffs and collar and surmounted by epaulettes, and the sword dangling at his side, recommending him to the Lieutenant of the watch, who supposing him to be an official of considerable importance, courteously received him, and at the same time informed him of the arrival of His Royal Highness. This intelligence appears to have perverted the little common sense that Adlam possessed, for on the Prince being pointed out to him he unhesitating-

ly undertook of his own accord, to present himself to the Prince as the President's deputy to receive and greet His Royal Highness. He then assured the Prince that "His Honour the President would be most happy to see him "at Pilgrim" (the old name given to Government House) and begged him to go there, adding that he (Adlam) "would "forthwith send off and let His Honour "know of the arrival of His Royal High-
"ness." The Prince who was already not a little chagrined and disappointed at finding that the expedition had already left for Martinique, was still more piqued at what appeared to him so indifferent and disrespectful a reception by the authorities; so after hearing all that Adlam had to say, "he asked where was the President"? Now it happened that the President was at "Hothersalls" Plantation which was then celeped by the vulgar, "Hogsty." Adlam, unwittingly adopting the vulgar designation replied "At Hogsty may it please your Royal Highness." "Hogsty!" exclaimed the Prince, "that's a very inappropriate "residence for my Royal Father's Representative". Adlam, who no doubt felt by this time, that he was committing himself, bowing replied, "I'll get ashore as

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"quick as I can, Your Royal Highness, "and fire a salute at Pilgrim in your "honour, and that will let *everybody* "know that you're here". So saying, he departed, leaving the Prince much amused at his behaviour. At that time there was wont to be kept at the Governor's residence a platform of brass cannon for the purpose of complimenting persons of distinction &c; and Adlam promptly fulfilled his word. In a short time after he had left the Prince, such a "royal" cannonading commenced, that everybody round about was soon made aware of the fact that His Royal Highness had arrived. Lieut.-Colonel B—— the Military Officer in command upon hearing the "royal saluting" immediately hastened on board to pay his respects, but on his being introduced to the Prince he was coldly received by His Royal Highness. The Lieutenant Colonel, who is said to have been a mild, gentlemanly person, apologised in the best manner he could, and endeavoured to conciliate the Prince; but His Royal Highness not being courteously disposed at the time, briefly but sarcastically replied:—"As I suppose "Colonel, the President was occupied in "shearing the hog" and you perhaps in

“hunting the boar,” “I will not be so “inconsiderate as to interrupt either of “you in your sport,” and fairly bowed the Colonel off the quarter-deck. The frigate shortly afterwards hove anchor and proceeded out of the harbour, thus giving no opportunity for the President even to appear on the scene, as, owing to the fact that “Hothersall’s” plantation was some miles away in the country, he doubtless put in an appearance when the affair was all over. It must however, have been a matter of deep regret to him, as he was loyal to the back-bone. He was the same Colonel Bishop, who, it will be remembered, moved in Council that a sword should be presented to Prince William Henry, when that Prince visited Barbados.



No. 3.

PRINCE ALFRED—DUKE OF EDINBURGH.

CHAPTER I.

THE year 1861, dawned upon us bringing the welcome news that His Royal Highness Prince Alfred, "our sailor Prince," the second son of Her present Majesty, would visit Barbados in H. M. S. *St. George*, within a few weeks; and it is almost needless to say, that previous to his advent, the people of this ancient and emphatically loyal colony, were thrown into the greatest possible excitement, each eager to show his loyal zeal and affection for a son of "the good and great Victoria." The Governor, Mr. (afterwards Sir) Francis Hincks had officially informed the Legislature of the intended Royal visit, and the announcement had been received by both branches of that body, with sentiments of lively gratification. A Proclamation had been issued by His Excellency, informing the

general public "that the Prince was shortly expected to honor the Island with a visit," that a public reception was to be given him, and appointing the day of his landing a public holiday. An official programme of the intended procession to ensue on his landing was published, by which it was generally made known that the Prince would land at the Wellington Stairs, near Nelson's statue, and that as soon as the procession had formed, the route would be through Broad, Tudor, Swan, and Roebuck Streets, then along Tweedside Road, and finally through the south-west gate at Government House. Those who resided in the streets through which the Prince was to pass, were, beyond all others, jubilant, and vied with each other in making preparations for the decoration of their houses. The Legislature voted £2,000 to cover the public expenses in the matter; and public triumphal arches were ordered to be erected at the Wellington Stairs, in Broad, Tudor, Swan, and Roebuck Streets, and at the south-west gate at Government House. Carpenters and Masons were in great demand. Broad Street for once got a good white-washing throughout, and scaffolding was erected in every direction to be covered

with evergreens, palms, and flags to grace the occasion. Triumphal arches were also erected at private expense in Swan and Roebuck streets, regardless of cost. The Colonial Bank, the Ice Establishment, and other business houses, notified that no business would be transacted by them on the day of the Prince's landing, and a grand stand was erected opposite the Ice Establishment for the accommodation of spectators admitted by ticket. The only drawback to these enthusiastic proceedings, was the unsightly appearance which some parts of Bridgetown presented, one part of it having recently been devastated by fire, and other parts of it being disfigured owing to the Bridgetown Water Works' excavations which were then in progress. There was perhaps to some few, another drawback in the fact that it was the Lenten season, but this consideration weighed but little with an enthusiastic public, eager to show its loyalty. A large platform, and a stage with rows of seats rising one above another, were erected at the public expense, close to Nelson's statue—the former for the Governor and the “pumpkins”—the latter for those of lesser degree, accommodation being provided for 5,000 persons. Mr. John S. Howell Colonial

Treasurer, had the unenviable task of issuing the tickets of admission to these public seats. Nor was this all the preparation made for the Prince. A Mr. Moore informed the public of his readiness and ability to give dancing lessons, in order, of course, to fit our loyal countrymen for the forthcoming festivities, an enterprising firm advertized crinolines especially adapted for ball dresses, and the influx of perfumery was immense. Silk dresses fetched fabulous prices, all of the champagne in Bridgetown was rapidly bought up, chickens sold for a shilling a pound, and the price of butchers' meat rose proportionately. Gentle folk feared they would be starved out, for their servants gave them notice that they intended to take a holiday to witness the "percession." The press suggested to the planters the advisability of not sending to town waggons, or heavily laden carts on the procession day, and the propriety of attending in full evening costume. In fact, old and young, rich and poor were alike enthusiastically resolved to do all honour to the presence of their Royal guest. Orders were issued that if H.M.S. *St. George*, in which vessel the Prince was expected, came into Carlisle Bay

during the daytime, the various signal-stations all over the Island were forthwith to hoist the Union Jack so as to let every one know. The *St. George* with His Royal Highness however arrived at about 9 o'clock p.m., on Thursday the 21st February, 1861, so that it was not until the next morning that the welcome news was disseminated. Pleasantly rose the sun next morning on the blue waters of Carlisle Bay, "where the ships, with their "wavering shadows, were riding at anchor." The weather was cool and bright and the *St. George* lay on the "tremulous tide" with numerous vessels around strung with the flags of all nations. All was bustle and excitement in Bridgetown. From an early hour its citizens had been up and doing, decorating the streets. Flags floated from every flagstaff, and the Prince's name was on every lip. It was officially announced that he would land on Saturday the 23rd, at half-past 10 o'clock a.m., and proceed in state to Government House, and that a levee would be immediately held on his arrival there. At 5 o'clock p.m. there would be a *dejeuner* at Government House, and at 8 p.m. a display of fireworks in the grounds, to which the public would be

admitted. Saturday morning broke fair, and was a fine day, the heat of the sun being moderated by passing clouds and a fresh breeze. Thousands in their holiday dresses had assembled in Bridgetown to witness the landing. The streets were thronged with people, and the houses were bedecked with evergreens, palms, flowers, and mottoes of welcome. As the time approached at which the landing was to take place, the stands and verandahs were rapidly filled by gentlemen in full costume and ladies in gay attire. So temperate was the weather that the gentlemen found they could dispense with their umbrellas, and the ladies with their parasols; the evergreens and flags of decorations being a sufficient protection from what little glare there was. At half-past 10 a.m. the first gun of the royal salute, from Rickett's battery, announced that His Royal Highness had left the *St. George*, and soon after he appeared in a boat accompanied by two officers, and preceded by Captain Clawson, the Harbour Master, in his boat. As the boats rounded the Pierhead and came up the Careenage, the Prince was welcomed with deafening and prolonged cheering from each side of the Careenage

by the excited populace. The boats then shot by the Commercial, Hall which was tastefully dressed with flags and evergreens, and exhibiting words of welcome, and the gentlemen assembled there took off their hats and joined in the cheering. On the public platform erected under the shadow of Nelson's statue—the first monument ever erected to the memory of that immortal hero—stood the Governor, Mr. Hincks; the General, Sir Josias Cloete; the President and Members of the Council, the Speaker and Members of Assembly, the Chief-Justice, the Bishop and Clergy, and a large assemblage of ladies and gentlemen. About 5,000 persons were collected on the public seats erected near to the platform—chiefly men. In a line with the platform was stationed a Guard of Honour of the 21st Regiment and their band, the Yeomanry Cavalry and the Police being drawn up in a square round Nelson's statue. As His Royal Highness stepped from the boat to the Wellington stairs—which were carpeted for the occasion, and crowned with a grand triumphal arch—the acclamations of not less than 8,000 human beings rent the air, the cheering being responded to all the way along Broad-street. The brilliant assem-

blage of the elite on the platform—the red coats and flashing arms of the soldiery—the handsome uniform of the cavalry—and the serried ranks of the police—presented a scene which was further enlivened by the gay costumes of an excited and restless multitude. Above all, tranquilly floated the royal standard from a lofty flagstaff which had been erected near to the platform for the purpose. The Prince was dressed in a blue round jacket and white pantaloons and he gracefully took off his cap in response to the loyalty with which he was greeted. His manner was reserved, but unpretending, and he is described by one present as having a roundish face with brown hair, light blue eyes, handsome features and a high forehead. As he landed, His Excellency the Governor stepped forward and greeted him heartily, and then read the following address :—

“May it please Your Royal Highness :

“In the name and on behalf of all
“classes of its population I tender to
“Your Royal Highness a most cordial wel-
“come to this ancient and uniformly loyal
“dependency of the British crown. As

“a dutiful subject of the Queen it would
“have been extremely gratifying to me
“to have had an opportunity of offering
“to your Royal Highness on my own
“behalf that attention and assistance
“which is due to your exalted station :
“but I have been compelled by a sense
“of duty to forego that gratification. It
“is the unanimous desire of the people
“of Barbados that Your Royal Highness
“should be the guest of the colony du-
“ring the period of your visit, and I have
“been fully empowered to give effect to
“their wishes. I am deeply sensible of
“the responsibility which has devolved
“on me, and I am fully aware that I
“shall have to crave Your Royal High-
“ness’ gracious indulgence for many
“shortcomings which I venture to hope
“will be imputed by Your Royal High-
“ness to me alone, and in no respect to
“the people of the colony whose generous
“confidence towards me on this occasion,
“could not have been surpassed. Sur-
“rounded as I am by the President and
“Members of Her Majesty’s Council, the
“Speaker and Members of the House of
“Assembly, the Lord Bishop and the
“Clergy, the Chief Justice, Judges, Mag-
“istrates and landed gentry of the Island,

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“the Merchants and other citizens of
“Bridgetown, and by those industrious
“classes which have contributed so large-
“ly to the property of the colony, I feel
“that Your Royal Highness will require
“no assurance on my part to convince
“you of the devoted loyalty of the people
“of Barbados to the person and govern-
“ment of Our Gracious Queen and of the,
“intense gratification which this visit of
“Your Royal Highness has afforded them.
“Words would be wholly inadequate to
“convey an idea of the enthusiasm which
“prevails throughout the Island, and I
“will no longer detain Your Royal High-
“ness from witnessing it.”

F. HINCKS.

As soon as His Excellency had concluded this address the regimental band played the National Anthem, and then the procession to Government House began to form. First came six mounted policemen, who were immediately followed by the cavalry in smart new uniforms—their swords flashing in the sunshine. Next came the police magistrates, followed by the mace-bearer, and the Speaker and members of assembly—

in carriages. Then came the Prince and His Excellency the Governor, in a carriage drawn by four horses, His Royal Highness incessantly doffing his cap to the greetings of the colonists. The streets were kept clear by soldiers and policemen stationed along the route. In the verandahs, on the roofs, from windows, and on the pavements, men were waving their hats and women their handkerchiefs. Indeed.

"One would have thought the very windows spake,

"So many greedy looks of old and young

"Through casements darted their desiring eyes upon his
visage."

As the carriage passed down Broad-street in front of the Colonial Bank, which, thanks to the energy of Mr. Murray, the Manager, was prettily decorated, crowds of ladies were assembled in the verandahs of that establishment and of the Custom House, who threw branches of roses into the carriage. One well-aimed bunch struck His Royal Highness, but he did not look up to see where it came from. At the foot of Broad-street, by the Ice House, was an arch formed of green boughs and flags intertwined, under which the Prince passed, and came into Tudor-street, and thence into Swan-street. Swan-street

was beautifully dressed. All of the verandahs were decorated with evergreens, flowers, and inscriptions of "Welcome Prince Alfred," and the like. Conspicuous was the house of Mr. J. Yearwood, Member of Assembly, which was ingeniously and expensively ornamented. The air was redolent with the perfume of flowers, and the pretty dark-eyed creoles showered bunches of them in the royal carriage. Two triumphal arches were erected in this street—one at private expense. Advancing into Roebuck-street and passing under the public triumphal arch at the commencement of the street His Royal Highness was greeted by an enthusiastic populace, who followed the carriage, with loud acclamations, to Government House. At the turning of the Garden-road was a grand arch, erected by Mr. Nightengale and other loyal residents in the street, which was beautifully dressed, His Royal Highness appeared now to enjoy the fun, and was much amused at the manifestations of loyalty exhibited by the "great unwashed," who were elbowing and jostling one another in their desire to behold him. Here, however, the Procession became very disorderly, for the horses to the

Royal carriage getting very excited from the cheering of the crowd, began prancing and plunging, and finally set off at such a pace that they outstripped the rest of the cortege and ultimately came in front, instead of being in the middle, of the Procession. The consequence was that the cortege became a perfect scramble, and hurrying after the Prince, civilians got mixed up with the military, clergymen with members of the Legislature, and planters with Officials. As most of those who followed were dressed in black, the disarrangement of the classification was not of so much consequence as regarded the general appearance, but what marred the spectacle was the broken line of carriages. Sometimes one carriage appeared all alone in its glory—then perhaps, two or three came together, all apparently acting on the principle of “the devil take the hindmost.” Regularity was however restored to the proceedings when the charitable societies appeared, members marching two by two, presenting a striking appearance, clad in black with green or blue scarfs across their shoulders; with mace and standard bearers, and pennons waving in the breeze. These truly must have borne the burden and heat

of the day, being on foot ; for it must have been a fatiguing march for them to Government House. Considering the thousands of people who were present on the occasion, it is worthy of record that no serious accident occurred—the populace as a whole behaving admirably. On the Prince's arrival at Government House he passed under a Grand Arch at the South West Gate, decorated with evergreens, palms, and words of welcome. The squadron of cavalry having formed in a line on each side of the avenue leading to the house, His Royal Highness passed between their ranks, the officers saluting and the colours being lowered. After receiving the salute of a Guard of Honour of the 3rd West India Regiment stationed at the portico, the Prince proceeded to the reception room, where a levee was immediately held—Colonel Clements, Captains Stewart and Beresford, and Messrs. T. G. Briggs, (now Sir T. Graham Briggs), J. G. Austin, Jr., and W. Haynes, (ADC's) being the first persons presented. The Admiral (Sir Alex. Milne, K.C.B.) and a large suite of Naval Officers then entered the room and assembled near the Prince—the assemblage of the various Naval,

Military and Cavalry officers in their uniforms presenting a brilliant scene. The General (Sir Josias Cloete) and the principal Military Officers were then presented to the Prince, after which, the Governor introduced the two Chief Justices present, Sir R. B. Clarke (of Barbados) and His Honor E. D. Sanderson (of Tobago); and also the Bishop, the Right Reverend T. Parry, and the President of the Council, the Hon'ble G. E. Thomas. The following members and officers of the Council were then introduced:—The Hon. and Rev. J. H. Gittens, and the Hon'bles G. N. Taylor, F. Goding, N. Foderingham, N. J. Pile, and N. Y. Young—the Rev. T. Clarke, (Chaplain), J. Hampden King, (Clerk *ex officio*), and Capt. Senhouse, (Sergeant-at-Arms *ex officio*). The Council then presented an address abounding with sentiments of loyalty and attachment and assuring the Prince of the pleasure it gave them to welcome him to Barbados. His Royal Highness thanked them and said he was very much obliged to them. His Excellency the Governor then introduced the Hon. Charles Packer, (Speaker,) and the following members and officers of the House of Assembly:—J. R. Gooding, G. Donovan, J. Gittens, J. Yearwood, Isaac

Reece, John Connell, J. R. Holligan, Seale Yearwood, Lynch Thomas, W. Brandford Griffith, Dr. H. F. Harte, Chas. Lyall, H. S. Mayers, Saml. F. Hewitt, B Alleyne, Alex Ashby, Dr. Alex. Corbin Wm. Murrell Howard, Augustus Briggs, Tom Gill, and Samuel Jackman Prescod The Rev. W. M. Payne (Chaplain) Saml Taylor (Clerk) and Cheesman M. Brathwaite, Marshal The Assembly then presented a loyal address, and upon its being read, the Prince was pleased to make the following reply :—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly.

“ As Representatives of the Inhab-
 “ tants of this colony, I request you will
 “ accept my warmest thanks for the ex-
 “ pression of your sentiments of attach-
 “ ment and devotion towards the crown
 “ and person of the Queen, for your kind
 “ welcome and congratulations upon my
 “ arrival here, and for the good wishes
 “ which you have expressed for my wel-
 “ fare in the profession which I have
 “ adopted I much regret that my stay
 “ amongst you is so limited, but trust that
 “ I may have other opportunities of

“making myself better acquainted with
“Barbados and its loyal inhabitants.”

ALFRED.

His Royal Highness then received a deputation of clergymen, headed by the Lord Bishop, and composed of the following, who were presented:—

Revds. P. B. Austin, C. J. Branch, J. Bradshaw, W. H. B. Bovell, G. M. Clinckett, C. Carter, J. Drayton, W. Eversley, G. M. D. Frederick, F. B. Grant, G. D. Gittens, C. Grayfoot, T. W. Greenidge, E. Hutson, J. S. Mayers, H. W. Moore, A. J. Pile, J. T. Piggott, A. Reece, H. R. Redwar, E. G. Sinckler, E. L. Smith, W. Taylor, F. A. Rock, and D. I. Lequyer.

The deputation then presented a Welcome Address, to which the Prince returned the following answer:—

“It is with heartfelt pleasure that
“I receive through Your Lordship so
“affectionate a welcome from the clergy
“of this important colony, and in thank-
“ing you sincerely for your expressions

“ of loyalty, be assured that I shall be
“ happy to bear testimony to the Queen
“ of the peace, prosperity, and freedom,
“ which is enjoyed by all classes of Her
“ subjects in the Island of Barbados.”

ALFRED.

Messrs. Patrick Kilkelly and Samuel Baird, as a deputation from the Commercial Hall, were next presented, and they informed His Royal Highness that the merchants were desirous of his company at a Ball on such a day as it would please him to honour them with his company, and the Prince appointed Wednesday evening the 27th. Over two hundred presentations then took place, after which the proceedings terminated. At 5 p.m. His Excellency the Governor gave a *dejeuner*, and at 8 p.m. there was a grand display of fireworks in the Government House grounds, to which the public were indiscriminately admitted. The moon, being near the full, somewhat lessened the brilliancy of the fireworks, but the entertainment was thoroughly enjoyed by the vast number of persons assembled. Bridgetown was illuminated, and every house in Swan-street was a blaze of

of light—the streets being thronged with “young hearts, hot and restless, and old, subdued and slow,” but all more or less excited. About 10 p. m. the Prince came to the front window at Government House and wished the people “Good Night,” to which they replied with deafening cheers. There is a tradition, however, that after going to bed, he got out, (unknown to his Governor, Major Cowell), on the roof of the house with a favourite midshipman to see the fun out. Thus ended the day, and considering what he had gone through, he ought to have slept well.

CHAPTER II.

THE next day being Sunday, the Prince attended Divine Service at the Cathedral, and of course drew an immense congregation. The Officiating ministers were the Bishop, the Rector (Rev. Thomas Clarke) and the Rev. Laurie. There was a full choral service and the Bishop preached from the text "Hearken O Israel to the statues and judgments which I teach unto you, for to do them, that ye may live and go in and possess the land which the Lord God of your fathers giveth you." The venerable gentleman appears to have been determined to "improve the occasion" for he held up the Prince to the congregation as a model worthy of imitation by all classes, which, however well-merited, was enough to shock the Prince. He paid a just tribute to the Queen by declaring that "her life was a pattern of virtue for her sex and was reflected in her children." Mr. Alex. Thorne pre-

sided at the Organ and played as a concluding voluntary the "Cujus Animam" of Rossini with great effect.

On Monday the 25th, the Prince accompanied by the Governor and the General took a drive in the country to see Hackleton's Cliff and Codrington College. They drove by "Locust Hall Plantation" up to the Moravian Station at Mount Tabor in the picturesque parish of St. John. Here the Moravian school children of Mount Tabor and Clifton Hill, headed by their pastors the Revds. Edghill and Bentien were assembled, as well as a large number of persons who greeted the Prince enthusiastically. From thence His Royal Highness went on to Hackleton's Cliff, where he stopped for a few minutes to admire the rockbound coast from Consetts to Boscobelle, lashed by the waves of the mighty Atlantic.

A large multitude had assembled here who cheered the Prince right loyally. From thence he drove to St. John's church where the anglican school-children were assembled to greet him. This church is romantically situated on the verge of a precipitous cliff, overlooking a wide expanse of sea, and the Prince was very much pleased with the prospect.

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Leaving St. John's church, the Prince proceeded to "Haynes Hill," the residence of the Chief Justice, Sir R. B. Clarke, where he lunched in company with a small and select party of gentlemen. He next visited the chapel of the Society for Propagating the Gospel, where he was received by the Bishop and the Reverend Rawle, Principal of Codrington College, and about 100 school-children drawn up in front of the chapel. From the hill on which this chapel is erected, he was enabled to obtain a fine view of the Codrington College buildings, fronted by its long and magnificent avenue of cabbage-palms, and backed by the wide expanse of blue Atlantic, which, owing to the height of the hill seems to stretch out to an interminable distance. Having seen Codrington College, he drove to Montrieffe signal station (formerly called Mount Pleasant.) Here another fine prospect presented itself; upwards of 50 sugar works with their mills, boiling houses, and acres of well cultivated land, being visible from this point. Thence His Royal Highness returned to Bridgetown. In the evening a crowded Ball took place at Government House, the guests numbering about 500. At 10

p.m. the Prince entered the brilliantly lighted ball-room with Mrs. Hincks, followed by a train of ladies and gentlemen; the fine band of the 3rd West India Regiment playing "God save the Queen." Dancing then commenced with a quadrille, in which His Royal Highness danced with Mrs. Beresford (the Governor's daughter)—the Governor and Lady Cloete being his *vis-a-vis*. Various other dances followed, which the Prince took part in and seemed thoroughly to enjoy. About one o'clock a.m., His Excellency the Governor led the way to the supper table, which was spread in a pavilion erected for the occasion in the grounds. Every luxury that could be procured was provided, and the pavilion was tastefully decorated under the superintendence of Messrs. B. C. Howell and Robert Haynes. The healths of the Queen and the Royal Family were enthusiastically drunk in the best iced champagne, and after supper the dancing was continued until three in the morning.

On Tuesday the 26th, the Prince accompanied by His Excellency the Governor, visited the Reservoir of the Bridgetown Water Works Company, at

“Grand View,” above Government House, which was then in course of construction. It had been hoped that the Works would have been completed in time to permit His Royal Highness to open them, and his presence in Barbados to have been thus commemorated. He was shown over the works by the vice-chairman and some of the directors, attended by Mr. T. Marshall, who performed the excavation and building of the Reservoir, and Mr. J. W. Clarke, the engineer and the projector of the undertaking, who was looked upon by many at the time as a madman. The whole of the interior of the Reservoir was lighted up, thus enabling every part of it to be inspected by His Royal Highness, who was very much pleased with it. After leaving the reservoir, the Prince drove to “Carrington’s” estate in St. Phillips, to see the process of sugar-making by steam mill and improved machinery. He was met on the borders of St. Philip’s parish, by an escort of the Yeomanry Cavalry under the command of Captain John Connell, the Attorney of “Carringtons.” The Prince and his suite occupied two carriages. In the first carriage was His Royal Highness attended

by His Excellency the Governor, Major Cowell R. E. (the Prince's Governor), Captain Egerton of H. M. S. *St. George*, and Colonel Byng of the Coldstream Guards; and in the other carriage were Captain Beresford, Mr. Walter (the Prince's favourite midshipman), and other officers. On arriving at "Carrington's" the Prince passed under a beautiful triumphal arch with the motto "Welcome Victoria's Son," which was erected at the entrance of the avenue leading to the Attorney's residence. Each side of the Avenue was lined with people who had collected in great numbers, and were perched upon the roofs, the tops of carriages, in the trees, and indeed everywhere; all eager to obtain a view of the Prince. The respectable families of the parish were grouped together in carriages drawn up in the form of a semi-circle, the elegant dresses, the fair sex and their choice bouquets giving a graceful finish to the *tout ensemble*. As His Royal Highness drove up the avenue, the voices of about 10,000 persons rent the air with acclamations—the waving of handkerchiefs and hats accompanying the shouts of joy. On alighting, the Prince was loyally received by a large number of the leading

proprietors and gentlemen of the Parish,. Mr. John Connell then led the way to the sugar works, and shewed and explained everything connected with the steam process. The buildings of the plantation outside and inside were dressed with evergreens and flowers, and appropriate mottoes of loyalty and welcome. Outside over the stancheon conspicuous in letters of gold was "Long live the Queen and the Prince Consort"; over the boiling-house door was "God save the Queen," and inside the boiling-house in letters formed of myrtle and bachelor-buttons was "With joy we welcome you here! Prince Alfred." His Royal Highness was much pleased, and graciously permitted Mr. Tucker to take a photograph of the scene presented on the occasion. He then bid good bye to Mr. Connell, thanking him cordially, and taking leave of the assembled gentlemen, drove off escorted by the cavalry, amid the cheers of the people, who did not cease cheering until the carriages were out of sight. His Royal Highness dismissed the cavalry escort after they had attended him for some distance, and returned to Bridgetown unattended. On his arrival at Government House he received a Deputation from

the West African Mission Board consisting of the Bishop, the Principal of Codrington College, the Revds. A. Reece, H. H. Parry, and F. B. Grant, and Messrs. Israel Bowen and J. Thorne. The deputation presented an address of welcome, which also embodied a brief account of what the association in this Island had done for the furtherance of the Gospel in Western Africa. At the close of the address His Royal Highness thanked them for their expressions of welcome, and showed his interest in the work of the Mission by a donation of 10 guineas.

At a quarter to 4 p.m., the Prince proceeded to the Garrison Savannah, where a review of the troops was to be held, and afterwards a grand demonstration of the various schools of the colony of all denominations. On his arrival at the Savannah, about 4 o'clock p.m., attended by the Governor, the General, the Admiral, and a distinguished suite, a royal salute was fired by the Royal Artillery, stationed to the right of the troops which were drawn up in a line to receive him. The force on the field consisted of the Royal Artillery, the 21st Fusiliers, and their band; the 3rd West India Regiment, and their band; the Marine Artillery, and the

Marines, and about 800 blue jackets from H.M.S. *Nile*, *Styx*, and *Barracouta*. The spectacle was a very imposing one, the line of troops extending for about half-a-mile. Carriages of every description, filled with eager spectators, were posted along the whole length of the public road facing the line of troops. Thousands of the populace were gathered together on the Savannah cheering and invoking blessings on the Prince and the Royal Family. As soon as the two regimental bands struck up the National Anthem, thousands of heads were uncovered, and the greatest enthusiasm manifested. His Royal Highness then rode down the line, and after inspection, the troops went through certain manœuvres, and marched past in good form. Shortly afterwards the *feu de joie* began and was well sustained. So great was the crush and confusion, that the police, and military labourers, were unable to keep the crowd off the Savannah, in consequence of which, certain intended manœuvres of the troops had to be abandoned, much to the disappointment of the officers and men. About 6 o'clock, after the review was over, the Prince rode down the Savannah, and drew up in front

of a large platform where the school children were assembled. The platform had been hurriedly erected out of materials already used for a similar purpose on the day of the Prince's landing and, as events proved, was by no means secure; and on it 5,000 school children were grouped together with their teachers, to sing "God Save the Queen"; an additional verse having been written by Bishop Parry in honour of the occasion, which we give as follows :

" And while from shore to shore,
Her wide dominions o'er,
Her sons are seen :
As through each clime they speed,
Nor toil nor danger heed,
Be Thou their help in need—
God save the Queen ! "

Twenty eight thousand buns and thirty puncheons of water were provided, and Mr. R. P. Elliott Inspector of Schools, did his best to make the demonstration a success. As His Royal Highness and his suite appeared, the children began singing "Jus-tily and with a good courage" the National Anthem. The spectacle was an impressive one, the children being stationed one above another in tiers, and dressed out in their smartest, with blue and pink ribbons fluttering in the breeze. Mr. Elliott came out in bold relief, being perched on an

empty barrel decorated for the occasion, and enthusiastically leading the Anthem and marking the time—the bands of the 21st Fusiliers and the 3rd West India Regiments accompanying the voices. Scarcely however had the Prince and his suite got abreast of this assemblage, when lo! the top of the barrel broke in, and Mr. Elliott disappeared from view, being literally engulfed by the barrel, which went rolling away with him, allowing nothing to be seen of him but his head and legs at each end. After some frantic struggles of his own, and with the assistance of the bystanders, the Inspector was extricated from his uncomfortable and undignified position, and mounting on the nearest pedestal he could find, was preparing to resume his conductorship, when a burst of laughter from the spectators greeted him, and the Inspector found that he had a great rent in his unmentionables. Nothing daunted however, he resumed the marking of the time—but carefully avoided the barrel. The incident afforded great amusement, and His Royal Highness is said to have repressed his laughter with great difficulty. A few minutes afterwards a terrific crash was heard, and about 130 square yards of the highest part

of the platform gave way, precipitating a crowd of children to the ground; and thus abruptly brought to a close the sweet strains they were discoursing. One woman got her leg broken and two others received internal injuries, the occurrence necessitating the departure of a great many of the children. It is said that some of the children in consequence of the confusion which ensued, got so mixed up with the crowd that their parents could not find them for several days. After this demonstration, the Prince returned to Government House, and in the evening the officers of the 21st Fusiliers entertained him at dinner—the Governor, the General, the Admiral, and other distinguished persons being present.

An anecdote is related in connection with this dinner, which, as the Prince was well-known to the officers of the 21st Fusiliers, having met them previously at Malta, is not improbable.

The officers had made a bet with their mess-woman's niece, who was a very merry girl, that she would not kiss the Prince; so after dinner Major—— led her up to the Prince on his arm, and said "Your Royal Highness, this young lady has expressed a great desire to be

"introduced to you." The Prince made a bow, but before he could make a reply, Miss W—— stepped up to him and kissed him.

[*Questioner* — (amused and interested) "But Miss W——, did the Prince make any resistance, did he struggle?"

Miss W——, "No: but the Major struggled with me for a kiss, and I boxed his ears."]

It appears, however, that the Major was not singular in this respect, for some other officers tried to get kisses too.

On Wednesday the 27th, at an early hour the Prince left the Adjutant-General's wharf and went on board H. M. S. *Styx*, accompanied by the Governor, the General, the Admiral, and other persons of note. The *Styx* then steamed along the leeward coast to Speightstown where she anchored. Here the whole beach for some considerable distance was swarming with people, who were vieing with each other as to who would shout the loudest. The landing-place was most artistically decorated, the whole road from High-street to the pier being floored and carpeted, as well as the steps leading from the pier to the water's edge. As the Prince stepped from the boat to the

landing place, he was received by the Honourable Francis Goding, Nathaniel Foderingham and N. J. Pile attended by the officials and gentry of the parish. The Volunteer Artillery Company, under the command of Captain Challenor, then fired a royal salute in the most creditable manner, and the Prince passed through a long line of spectators to his carriage, amid hearty cheers—the populace being kept off by a line of ropes. On his landing, a band of music played the National Anthem. His Royal Highness then got into the carriage with the Governor, the General and the Admiral, and drove off. The Artillery under Captain Challenor, had in the meantime formed a line in front of his store, and they gave the Prince three hearty cheers as he passed them. An escort of Cavalry under the command of Lieutenant Heath then accompanied the Prince *en route* to “Farley Hill,” the splendid residence of Mr. (now Sir) T. G. Briggs. The streets of Speightstown were tastefully decorated and displayed six triumphal arches made of evergreens, palms, and flowers, intermingled—one being erected at the landing place, three in Queen-street, and two in Church-street. The galleries and win-

dows were thronged with the fair sex who literally showered down bouquets on His Royal Highness. Thousands of excited people were also collected in the streets, cheering vociferously, but conducting themselves in the most orderly manner and readily obeying the mandates of those in authority. Dover Fort police-station in the suburbs of Speightstown was very prettily dressed with evergreens, etc.; and among the decorations was a crown on the top of a vane which kept spinning round with the wind, the projecting tops of the crown being adorned with miniature ships, as emblems of His Royal Highness's profession. In proceeding to "Farley Hill," the Prince passed under several pretty arches erected at the different villages along the road, and was occasionally greeted with rustic bands of music which played the National Anthem on his approach. On reaching "Farley Hill,"—which is one of the handsomest residences in Barbados, and is beautifully situated—the Prince alighted and walked around the grounds, admiring very much the picturesque view from the summer-house, of the romantic district called "Scotland," with "Turner's Hall Wood" (a remnant of the "forests primeval") in the fore-ground, and the

blue Atlantic stretching away in the distance. At 2 o'clock luncheon was announced and about 60 ladies and gentlemen sat down to it: the wines and viands being of the most *recherché* kind and in lavish abundance. After luncheon His Royal Highness planted a cassiarina-tree in the grounds, and several excellent photographs were taken by Mr. Tucker of the scene which the occasion presented. At half-past three o'clock His Royal Highness bid good-bye and returned to Bridgetown by land, being escorted by the St. Peter's Yeomanry Cavalry as far as "Porters" plantation in St. James, where he was met and from that place escorted by the St. James' Troop to St. Stephen's chapel. Here a company of the St. Michael's Yeomanry Cavalry was to have relieved the St. James' Troop but the Prince dispensed with their escort. At St. Stephens chapel the school children of the district were assembled with their teachers by the roadside to greet the Prince on his arrival there, and His Royal Highness was graciously pleased to stop and listen while these "good people" sang the National Anthem, at the conclusion of which he thanked them, "made a gracious bow" and then drove off to

Government House.

In the evening the Governor entertained a distinguished party at dinner to meet His Royal Highness. Exclusive of the Military and Naval Officers, the following gentlemen were present:—The Bishop and his son the Rev. H. H. Parry, Sir R. B. Clarke, the Hon: Grant E. Thomas, the Hon: and Rev. J. H. Gittens, the Honourables George Nelson Taylor, Francis Goding, Nathaniel Foderingham, N. Jones Pile, and N. Lewis Young, Dr. Clarke, Sir T. G. Briggs. and W. Haynes, J. Hampden King, J. R. Holligan, William Murray, Patrick Kilkelly, Samuel Baird and Charles Lyall Esquires. To the general public, probably, a list of names like the foregoing will not be very interesting, and indeed our only reason for inserting such lists is that we believe they will be of interest to the sons and daughters of those mentioned, and to their posterity, whom *Hæc olim meminisse juvabit*. After the dinner broke up His Royal Highness attended the Merchants Ball, which was the most brilliant of the festivities in honour of the Prince, a full account of which will be found in the following chapter.

CHAPTER III.

ON the evening of Wednesday the 27th, the merchants and certain planters gave a Ball in honour of the Prince, and Bridgetown was brilliantly illuminated. The citizens had always been noted for their hospitality, liberality, and pleasant manners—and on this occasion they did not fall short of their reputation, for of all the entertainments in honour of His Royal Highness this was *par excellence* the best. The Ball was given at Marshall's Hall—a building recently erected by Mr. T. Marshall in the "Burnt District"—and commanding a fine view of Carlisle Bay and the shipping. As it was the first occasion that His Royal Highness was to pass through the town at night, every effort was made by the townsfolk to present a splendid illumination. It has been already mentioned that the town was illuminated on the previous Saturday—the day the Prince landed—but those illumi-

nations were completely thrown into the shade—the very humblest citizen endeavoured to outdo his neighbour in illuminating. At about a quarter to 10 p.m. the Prince left Government House and drove down Roebuck-street under an escort of mounted police, being loudly cheered by the vast crowds who were assembled in every part of the street. The first arch he passed under went by the name of “Nightengale’s” arch, and was composed of three united arches; and from its being the first one on the route, no effort had been spared to render it a magnificent spectacle. More than eighty small lights beamed along the gallery of the arch, while three splendid lights—like planets—shone resplendent from the tops of the centre and side arches. New wonders of lights each minute presented themselves as the carriage proceeded—from balconies, from tops of poles, and from chinese lanterns, etc.

About midway down the street, at the house of Mr. Lucas facing Spry-street, was a brilliant light reflected through numerous transparent glasses in the form of a segment of a circle, which yielded a light of dazzling brightness and exposed the faces of an immense and admiring

crowd collected in front of it. In one balcony was displayed coloured lights in glasses representing various stars, and in another one 73 drinking glasses of various tints were illuminated. The second illuminated arch the Prince passed under was erected at the end of Roebuck-street, and he then drove into Swan-street which presented rich and lively scenes of irradiancy. From the Druggist Establishment of Mr. Nathaniel Ruck was displayed in shining characters the words "Welcome Royal "Alfred! Son of Our Gracious Queen! "Vivat Regina!" and immense crowds wandered to and fro and lights gleamed everywhere. At the spot where Prince William Henry-street joins Swan-street the Prince passed under another illuminated arch, festooned with lights and very brilliant, and at a house near to this arch was an illumination of great splendour displaying a ship in full sail and numerous other decorations. After passing this arch the Prince proceeded through the lower part of Swan-street, the narrowness of this part of the street concentrating the light and making the *tout ensemble* very splendid. From thence to Marshall's Hall the route was simply a continuation of light. A destructive fire, which had occurred

sometime previous to the Prince's arrival, in Lower Broad-street, and which had burnt down nearly a third of the town, had occasioned the laying out of that part of the town in a more regular manner, and consequently a series of new streets. The Municipal authorities in honor of the Prince's visit called these new streets respectively Prince Alfred-street, Cowell-street, (after Major Cowell the Prince's Governor); Hincks-street, (after the Governor); St. George-street, (after H.M.S. "St. George," the Prince's ship; and Nile-street, (after H.M.S. 'Nile,' the Admiral's ship), and they had the names of these streets brilliantly illuminated for the occasion. The other streets of the town were also illuminated but in a lesser degree as the Prince was not to pass through them. On the Prince's arrival at Marshall's Hall he was received by a force of 50 policemen marshalled in admirable order to keep off the crowd. Over the entrance was a grand arch with the words "God save the Queen" brilliantly illuminated, and all the houses in the vicinity were bedizened with lights. On alighting the Prince was received by a deputation of gentlemen, who conducted him up a magnificently carpeted staircase,

with flowering plants in pots and tubs massed together on each side, and perfuming the air with their fragrance. Halfway up this staircase was an immense mirror which reflected the advancing figures of the Prince and his suite. On reaching the top of the staircase an enormous room unfolded itself to view, supported by sixteen airy columns festooned with pink and blue drapery, and red and white roses, and a large central column hung round with mirrors. At the head of the room was erected a canopy of crimson velvet and silk surmounted by a golden crown, and having a chair of state in the centre, intended for the Prince, but which His Royal Highness declined with great modesty. He however, we are informed, in the course of the evening sat on the steps of it. On the right hand of the staircase was a prettily decorated gallery erected for the bands of the 21st Fusiliers and the 3rd West India Regiment, who, during the evening discoursed sweet music. Beyond this gallery was a private withdrawing room for His Royal Highness, fitted up with a costly mirror, centre table, sofa, etc., and adorned with a full length engraving of His Royal Mother. Further on was the hat-room

for the gentlemen, and the 'bar,' and on the left hand of the staircase was the ladies cloakroom: all of these apartments being screened off from one another by cloth partitions covered with paper of handsome patterns. The whole room was lighted up by 73 chandeliers comprising 1,200 lights. Immediately opposite to the canopy, was drawn out on the floor a large circle containing the words "Honi soit qui mal y pense." Some thirty windows freely admitted the sea breeze and made the atmosphere most delightfully cool, and as soon as the moon rose the guests had a fine moonlit view of the harbour and shipping. The whole arrangement of the Ball-room was carried out by a committee composed of Messrs. DaCosta, Bascom, Barron, and Spencer, assisted by Mr. T. Marshall and some thirty ladies who kindly offered their services. As soon as His Royal Highness arrived at the top of the stairs, the two regimental bands thundered forth the National Anthem, and the Prince with Mrs. Hincks on his arm, proceeded through a double line of welcomers to the head of the room, the band playing and the whole assembly cheering. Immediately following the Prince, was the Governor and Lady

Cloete followed by General Cloete and Admiral Milne, and the rest of the suite. The Prince courteously acknowledged the respect paid to him and was much pleased at his reception. Before the dancing commenced, Mr. D. C. DaCosta presented His Royal Highness with a programme of the dances printed on satin, enclosed in a mother-of-pearl case, having on one side a medallion with a photograph *coup d'œil* of the Ball-room, and on the other an engraving with the words "His Royal Highness Prince Alfred, 27th February, "1861," and having attached by a gold chain a small and very pretty gold pencil-case. This tribute of loyalty was graciously received by the Prince. The dancing then commenced, the first quadrille being formed by His Royal Highness and Mrs. Baird, having for their *vis-a-vis* the Governor and Lady Cloete; and after this formal ceremony was got through the dancing became general. At one o'clock a.m., the Cathedral bells chimed out a jocund peal and the Prince gave his arm a second time to Mrs. Baird and descended to the supper-room which was tastefully decorated. A horse-shoe shaped table was placed on an elevated dais to which His Royal Highness and the "upper ten"

were conducted and delicacies were furnished in lavish abundance under the superintendence of Miss Cris Trotman; the viands being so good that they are said not only to have elicited the praise of His Excellency the Governor (who was a first-rate connoisseur), but also of everyone else. As soon as the proper time arrived, Mr. P. Kilkelly, Chairman of the Commercial Hall, rose, amid cheers, and proposed the health of the Queen, which was drunk with rapturous applause. He then proposed the health of "His Royal Highness the Prince Consort and the Royal Family" (which was drunk with nine times nine cheers). In proposing the third toast Mr. Kilkelly said:—

"Ladies and Gentlemen! In addressing myself to the inhabitants of this loyal colony, I feel satisfied that they will respond to this toast with the warmth of feeling which it deserves (cheers). We have the gratification of having as our guest this evening the second son of our beloved Queen, and I feel assured, that in no part of Her Majesty's widespread dominion, could his presence cause more general joy than to Her subjects in this island (loud cheers). His Royal Highness has adopted a profession which we

“are in the habit of looking up to with
“feelings of regard as forming one of
“Great Britain’s best defences against for-
“eign aggression, and I hope that during
“His Royal Highness’ career, he will have
“occasion again to visit our shores where
“his reception will be always as cordial
“as upon the present occasion. I pro-
“pose the health of His “Royal Highness
“Prince Alfred.”” Nothing could exceed
the enthusiasm with which this toast was
drunk—one excited gentleman biting out
a piece of his champagne glass—and as
soon as the loud and prolonged acclama-
tion had ceased, His Royal Highness left
the supper room and soon afterwards de-
parted. But the Ball was by no means
at an end—dancing being kept up until
4 o’clock in the morning, when the music

“broken by laughs and light echoes of feet”

ceased, and the party broke up—the last
dance being Sir Roger de Coverly.

Thursday the 28th was comparatively
a quiet day, and the Prince enjoyed a
game of cricket on the garrison savannah
with the 21st Fusiliers, and subsequently
partook of a sumptuous luncheon pro-
vided by the officers. In the evening he
dined with the General, Sir A. J. Cloete,
at Queens House: the dinner-party com-

prising the Governor, the Admiral and a select party of thirty-six. After dinner His Royal Highness attended Lady Cloete's ball to which about three hundred guests from all parts of the Island were invited. The Band of the 3rd West India Regiment was in attendance, and played much lively and well selected music : the guests "tripping it on the light fantastic toe" until an early hour in the morning. The long avenues of intermingled sandbox, evergreen, and mahogany trees leading to Queens House were illuminated with lights of various colours, and produced a picturesque scene. At 9 p.m. the guests began to arrive in quick succession under the archway at the eastern entrance. In the two windows near to the door were brilliant transparencies—one representing H. M. S. *St. George*, and the other an anchor. The rooms set apart for dancing were prettily dressed, the vacant spaces on the walls being filled with crowns and capital A's made out of evergreen leaves, in honour of the distinguished guest of the evening. Sir Josias Cloete is said to have been a "merry old soul," and his wife who was a Barbadian (a daughter of T. Louis, Esquire, merchant), possessed very winning and charming manners—hence the

entertainment passed off with *eclat*.

In the course of the evening the Prince danced a set of quadrilles with some young people of his own age, and seemed to enjoy the fun immensely. At 12 o'clock supper was announced. This was spread in a spacious pavilion erected for the occasion, and situated in the grounds facing the southern porch; the supper-room being profusely decorated with flags. As the Prince and the guests stepped into the open space lying between the house and the supper pavilion, their pathway was in a moment brilliantly lighted up by a blaze of light—brighter than day—produced by the simultaneous igniting, by a party of blue jackets, of numerous blue lights, which lit up the whole of the grounds far and near, and produced a magnificent effect. The supper tables were handsomely laid out and were covered with delicacies of the most *recherche* kind, and the wines, of the choicest vintages, were in abundance, and “iced to perfection,” a contemporary informs us.

The healths of the Royal Family were then drunk with all due honors and, Sir Josias Cloete, in proposing the Prince's health, made an able and eloquent speech. As soon as he finished speaking, the band

struck up "Rule Britannia," and so great was the enthusiasm of the guests that the very glasses on the tables "rang in echo to their acclamations," when they responded to the toast. Dancing was kept up until 2 o'clock in the morning, and the guests enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

On Friday the 1st March, at a quarter to 3 p.m., His Royal Highness took his departure from Government House. A guard of honour of the 3rd West India Regiment with their band, was drawn up in front of the portico, and, as the Prince stepped into his carriage, they presented arms and lowered the royal standard, the band playing the National Anthem. His Excellency the Governor and Major Cowell (the Prince's Governor) then got into the carriage (which we may mention *en passant* was drawn by four horses), and as soon as the National Anthem was finished the Prince drove off, escorted by a troop of Yeomanry Cavalry, under the command of Lieutenant Toppin. In a short space of time, His Royal Highness arrived in Trafalgar square, where crowds had assembled to bid him "Godspeed." A guard of honour of the 21st Fusiliers, under the command of Major Collingwood and Captain Peddie, was drawn up by the

Wellington stairs to receive him, and a large body of police was in attendance. After the guard of honour had presented arms, the Prince shook hands with the Military officers (most of whom were old acquaintances of his at Malta), and bidding good-bye to those around him, he stepped into the Admiral's barge, which was lying alongside the stairs with the Admiral on board waiting to receive him. Major Cowell and the Governor, and General with their A.D.C's, then stepped into the barge, which immediately put off, and as Prince Alfred left our shores the guns at Rickett's battery thundered forth a parting royal salute. In the evening he sailed away for St. Vincent, having endeared himself to the Bims by his courtesy, frankness, and simplicity of manners.

As soon as the Prince had departed, the fault-finders began to sing. Great umbrage was taken at the Governor not having officially summoned the members of the Legislature and the officials to the place of departure to see the Prince off; and it was alleged that the Chief Justice and some members of the Council were huddled with the *canaille*. Mr. Hincks was also severely criticised, because a

“drawing room” was not held at Government House by means of which, gentlemen and ladies “who did not frequent “Balls and such fashionable places of “pleasure,” would have been enabled to see the Prince “near.” Another cause of offence was this : His Royal Highness had made a present to the Commercial Hall of three excellent lithographic portraits of Her Majesty, the Prince Consort, and of himself, and had asked the Governor to forward them to their destination. It appears that the Governor informed Mr. Kilkelly, as Chairman of the Commercial Hall, of the Prince’s gift, and asked him verbally to lay the present before the members of that body. One day an orderly rode up to the Commercial Hall and delivered these portraits unaccompanied by any written communication. This gave great offence to the members of the Commercial Hall and produced a rather unpleasant correspondence between the Governor and Mr. Kilkelly on the subject. The person who seems, however, to have been most blameable was the Private Secretary, who despatched the orderly, being ignorant (like some of the present day) of the common rules of official etiquette. The Prince made pre-

sents of books to the Public Library and to Codrington College—the gift to the Library being an edition of Shakespeare by Chalmers, in 8 volumes.

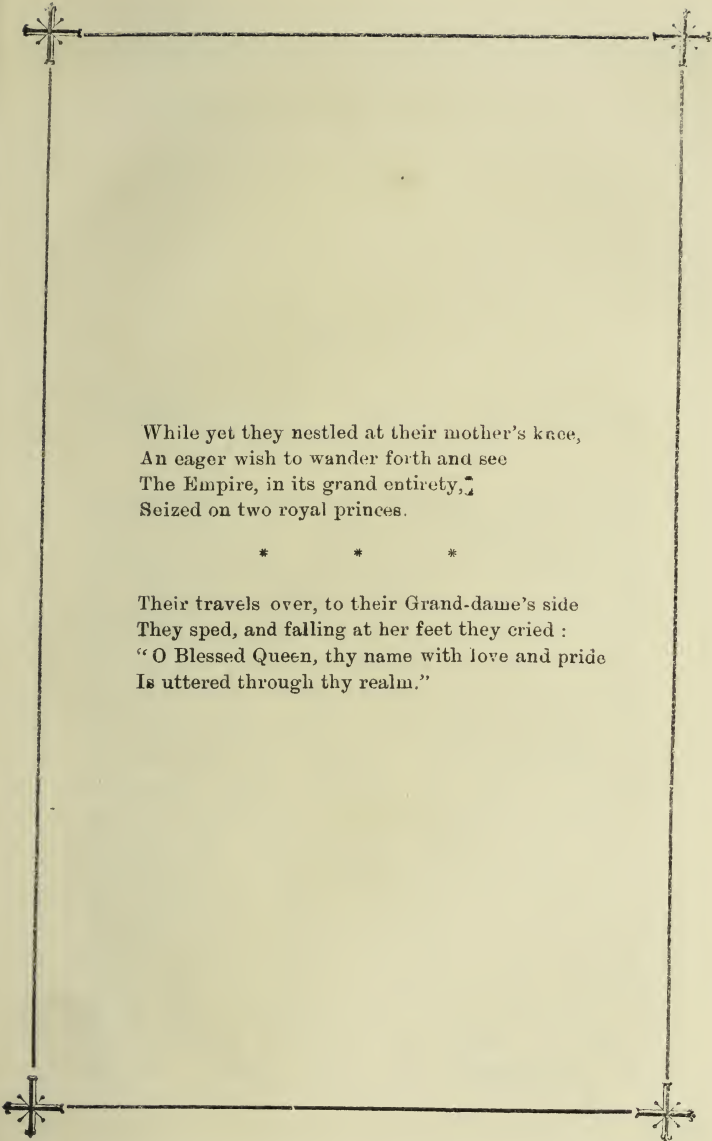
His Royal Highness danced thirty-one dances. The following is a list of the ladies he danced with:—

Lady Cloete, 3; Mrs. Beresford, 3; Miss Clarke, 2; Miss Louis, 2; Miss E. Clarke, 2; Mrs. Baird, 1; Mrs. Parish, 1; Miss Thomas, 1; Miss Maria Thomas, 1; Miss Taylor, 1; Miss Fanny Taylor, 1; Miss Briggs, 1; Miss Evelina Briggs, 1; Miss Gittens, 1; Miss Prescod, 1; Miss Murray, 1; Miss Gibbons, 1; Miss Grant, 1; Miss Susan Hinkson, 1; Miss Strickland, 1; Miss Parry, 1; Miss Blanche Parry, 1; Miss Walker, 1; and Miss Cromartie (of whom the following anecdote is told), 1.

At one of the first Balls given in his honour, the Prince happened to dance in a very crowded part of the room, and his foot accidentally came in contact with a lady, but His Royal Highness was quite unconscious of the fact and made no apology. At a subsequent Ball this lady—Miss Cromartie it is said—was selected as a partner for the Prince and during the dancing, as that perverse “Divinity which

shapes our ends'' would have it, the lady was a second time the recipient of a blow from the Prince's foot. His Royal Highness with his usual courtesy immediately hastened to apologize and express his regret, but the lady (who was much his senior), tartly replied 'You need not apologize sir, it isn't the first time I've got a royal kick.'





While yet they nestled at their mother's knee,
An eager wish to wander forth and see
The Empire, in its grand entirety,
Seized on two royal princes.

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Their travels over, to their Grand-dame's side
They sped, and falling at her feet they cried :
"O Blessed Queen, thy name with love and pride
Is uttered through thy realm."

No. 4.

PRINCES ALBERT VICTOR, AND GEORGE
FREDERICK, OF WALES.

EIGHTEEN years had elapsed since the visit of Prince Alfred to Barbados, when tidings reached the Colonists in 1879 that the Princes Albert Victor, and George Frederick, of Wales (sons of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales) intended to visit the Island on their voyage round the world, and the news was hailed with pleasure by all classes of the people. The intelligence preceded their advent by about three months, jottings in the newspapers disseminating the information that on the 18th of September 1879, their Royal Highnesses had joined H. M. S. *Bacchante* at Portsmouth, which vessel had been handsomely fitted out for their reception and placed under the command of Lord Charles T. M. D. Scott, a son of the Duke of Buccleuch. Soon after the departure of

the *Bacchante* from Portsmouth for Madeira, much excitement was created by a *canard* averring that the crew of the vessel, numbering about 400, had mutinied and massacred the principal officers. Later on more detailed accounts were received respecting the 'sailor' princes, with a narration of their experiences at sea for the first fortnight, telling how the Captain had in an address, expressed a desire that the *Bacchante* should be a model ship as regards discipline, and how the Princes were readily taking part in the ship's duties on an equal footing with the other midshipmen. Local cricketers also read with interest of the formation of a cricket team selected from the Officers of the *Bacchante* with the view of playing any English elevens they should meet with at the different stations they were to stop at on their voyage, and Barbadian teams commenced *con amore* to make themselves ready for battle.

The Princes arrived in Carlisle Bay on Christmas day 1879 a little before 11. a.m., while the church bells were ringing for Matins, and giving utterance to that feeling of joy which is felt by Christian hearts throughout the world on the commemoration of the first advent of that

Prince of Princes, the "Prince of Peace"—be the thermometer below Zero or 90 deg. in the shade. The *Bacchante* was an iron screw corvette, cased with wood, of 4310 tons—carrying 16 guns—and she arrived from Teneriffe in 19 days. H. M. S. *Tourmaline* was lying in the Harbour at the time, and in addition to the ordinary shipping riding at anchor, were two yachts the *Alkelda* and the *Iberia*, having on board their respective owners Mr Earle, and Mr. Ashbury M.P. The weather was all that could be desired.

Clear was the heaven and blue, and the wind and the
Murmured Gladness and Peace, God's Peace! With lips [brooklet
Whispered the race of the flowers, and merry on balancing [rosy tinted
Birds were singing their carol, a jubilant hymn to the [branches,
[Highest.

Nevertheless, Christmas with "green
"leaves and blossoms and sunny warm
"weather" must have been a novel sight
to the Princes accustomed as they were
to see it clothed in the snowy mantle of
Winter.

On the following day, (Friday the
27th), they landed quietly about 5 o'clock
in the evening, at the stairs by the Swing
Bridge, where they were received by His

Excellency Governor Strahan, and taken by him in his carriage to Government House amid the cheers of a vast concourse of people, who had assembled of their own accord to see them land.

On Monday evening the 29th, His Excellency the Governor gave a Ball at Government House, to which the *elite* of the Island were invited. Their Royal Highnesses were present with their Tutor, the Reverend John N. Dalton, M.A., and among the guests which we recollect seeing, were, Lord Charles Scott, commanding H.M.S. "Bacchante"; Major-General Gamble, C.B., commanding the Forces; His Lordship Bishop Mitchinson, Sir John Sealy, K.C.M.G., Sir Charles Packer, Kt., Chief Justice; the Hon. W. Hely-Hutchinson, Colonial Secretary; the Hon'ble Nathaniel Foderingham, and Mr. Reeves, the Chief Justice *in futuro*.

Sir John Sealy, who seldom appeared in public on account of his advanced age, had driven a long distance from his residence in St. John's parish to be present on this occasion, and this gallant old gentleman—like many another with "tresses of silver" who was there—only attended out of respect to Her Majesty's grandsons. The avenues were lighted up with torches

fixed on poles, and policemen were stationed at regular distances from each other from the North (or Entrance) Gate to the Porch. The Ball rooms were brilliantly lighted up, and the bright faces of the fair sex and their various dresses, together with the different military and naval uniforms, presented quite a charming scene. Sir George Strahan acted the part of host admirably, and endeavoured in every possible way to make the evening pass agreeably to the Royal Visitors, and his guests; and the Princes (more fortunate than Prince Alfred) were permitted to select their own partners and they appeared to enjoy themselves. In personal appearance Prince Albert Victor had dark hair and eyes and handsome features, and in manner was quiet and reserved, whilst Prince George had light hair, blue eyes, a bright face sparkling with fun, and a frank manner; both however possessing that princely dignity which like the Scotch thistle wards off familiarity. The Band of the 4th Kings Own Regiment was in attendance and played "delicious dream-like harmonies" for the entertainment of the waltzers. At 12 o'clock His Excellency led the way to the supper room where a choice repast was provided, the tables being tastefully

decorated with the best viands and wines, fruit and iced beverages ; and after supper dancing was continued until 2 o'clock in the morning.

On Wednesday (the 31st) a subscription ball was given in honour of the Princes by the "Bachelors" (a Club of Gentlemen), at the Marine Hotel, Hastings, a spacious building, which had been then recently erected, and commanded a pleasant view of Hastings Rocks and the sea. These gentlemen spared no expense to render their entertainment a success, inviting the most charming Beatrices, but their Royal Highnesses were unable to attend, owing to their being fatigued after having travelled a long distance in the country during the day. His Excellency the Governor, and Lord Charles Scott were present, and there was a numerous gathering of military and naval officers and civilians. Plants were prettily grouped together in the hall, which was situated between the rooms set apart for the dancers, and these rooms were profusely decorated with flowers, the supporting pillars being festooned with wreaths of roses. The fine Band of the 4th Kings Own Regiment was in

attendance, and played lively and well selected music, and ushered in the New Year 1880 by suddenly ceasing to play in the midst of a waltz, precisely as the clock struck twelve, and striking up "Auld Lang Syne,"—friends and acquaintances thereupon shaking hands and wishing each other a "Happy New Year." The supper was spread in a large room upstairs; the tables being handsomely dressed and supplied with the best viands, wines and delicacies. The spacious galleries around the building afforded the ladies and gentlemen cool promenades and uninterrupted *tete-a-tetes* after the dances, and dancing was kept up with great spirit until an early hour in the morning.

The all-absorbing topic of the opening year was "the Princes" and their actions, those sentiments of loyalty and attachment to the Crown for which the people of Barbados have always been distinguished—and which in days of yore inspired them under Lord Willoughby of Parham to resist the supremacy of Cromwell *vi et armis*—being strong still, and being openly expressed on the countenances of black and white whenever the

Princes made their appearance. On no occasion was this loyalty more apparent than at a Cricket Match played between the "Wanderers" Eleven of the Colony, and the team of Lord Charles Scott and the Officers of H. M. S. *Bacchante*, at which match Prince Albert Victor attended—Prince George being for some reason unable to attend. This Match was played on New Year's day 1880 at the Bay Plantation, St. Michael's parish, on the 'Wanderers' Cricket ground, and there was a numerous assemblage of every class and complexion all eager to obtain a sight of the Prince. The weather was fine, with a clear sky and a cool breeze, and there was a goodly attendance of the ladies. Several marquees were erected on the ground for the accommodation of the cricketers and guests, where throughout the day the hungry souls could obtain refreshment, and thirsty ones, iced beverages; a suitable luncheon was also provided for the occasion. The game commenced at 11.30 a.m., the Officers of the *Bacchante* winning the toss and taking their stand at the wickets without delay, and the Match was concluded at 5.10 p.m., the "Wanderers" coming off victorious by an innings and 14 runs. As the scores may be interesting

to cricketers we give it as follows.—

Bacchante—1st Innings.

Lt. H. Burrowes <i>b.</i> T. Clarke.....	9
W. Peel do. do.	4
G. Hilyard do. do.	0
Lt. C. Adair <i>c.</i> Wright <i>do.</i> ..	5
H. Thomas <i>c.</i> S. Brovne <i>b.</i> Parris.....	3
Lt. J. Osbourne <i>c.</i> Phillips <i>b.</i> Parris	1
J. Lawless <i>c.</i> T. Clarke <i>b.</i> Parris.....	0
Capt. Lord Charles Scott, <i>not out</i>	0
E. Searles, <i>run out</i>	1
F. Royds <i>s.</i> W. Clarke.....	0
Hon. G. Harding <i>c.</i> W. Clarke <i>b.</i> T. Clarke.....	0
Leg Byes.....	2
Wide Balls.....	3
Total.....	28

2nd Innings.

Lt. Burrowes <i>b.</i> T. Clarke.....	5
W. Peel <i>c.</i> Parris <i>b.</i> T. Clarke.....	2
G. Hilyard <i>c.</i> T. Clarke <i>b.</i> Alleyne.....	8
Lt. C. Adair, <i>run out</i>	1
H. Thomas <i>c.</i> Parris <i>b.</i> Alleyne.....	1
Lt. J. Osbourne <i>c.</i> Pile <i>b.</i> Alleyne.....	7
J. Lawless <i>b.</i> T. Clarke.....	0
Capt. Lord Charles Scott <i>b.</i> Alleyne.....	0
E. Searles <i>c.</i> Alleyne <i>b.</i> Clarke.....	4
Lt. F. Royds <i>b.</i> Pile.....	6
Hon. G. Harding, <i>not out</i>	3
Leg Byes.....	2
Wide Balls.....	1
Total.....	40

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Wanderers—1st Innings.

T. G. Clarke <i>c.</i> Searles <i>b.</i> Peel.....	19
T. Wright <i>b.</i> Osbourne.....	12
W. O. Collymore <i>b.</i> Peel.....	3
G. L. Pile <i>c.</i> Searles <i>b.</i> Peel.....	0
W. N. Alleyne, <i>leg before</i> , <i>b.</i> Peel.....	4
T. Raine <i>b.</i> Peel.....	0
W. Clarke <i>b.</i> Peel.....	2
T. Parris, <i>not out</i>	25
L. Abrams <i>b.</i> Peel.....	3
F. B. Smith <i>c.</i> Royds <i>b.</i> Peel.....	5
S. Browne <i>c.</i> Peel <i>b.</i> Adair... ..	1
Byes.....	1
Leg Byes.....	2
Wide Balls.....	4
No Balls.....	1
Total.....	82

On Friday (the 2nd January,) their Royal Highnesses paid a visit to “Farley Hill,” St. Peters, the country seat of Sir T. Graham Briggs, Bart., who was at the time absent from the Island. They were accompanied by Sir George Strahan, Lord Charles Scott and a large number of other naval folk. They wandered about the house and grounds, and admired the romantic scenery in the vicinity, and doubtless were shown the cassiarina tree which their uncle Prince Alfred (Duke of Edinburgh) had planted in the grounds, and also his portrait—with his signature attached—which he gave to the loyal Bar-

onet, and which hangs in the house. Before leaving they signed their names in the Visitors' Book as follows:—

EDWARD—H.M.S. *Bacchante*, 1880.

GEORGE—2nd January, 1880.

In the evening the merchants of Bridgetown and other gentlemen of the Island gave a grand Ball at the Marine Hotel, Hastings. The guests, which were very numerous, included their Royal Highnesses Prince Albert Victor, and George of Wales, with their Tutor the Revd. John N. Dalton, M.A., His Excellency the Governor, Lord Charles Scott, the Hon. W. Hely-Hutchinson, and a brilliant gathering of military and naval officers, and ladies and gentlemen. Coloured lamps were suspended in the gallery arches fronting the entrance, and in the hall plants of great variety were tastefully arranged. The ball rooms were divided from each other by lace curtains and were beautifully decorated—one of the decorations being a star formed out of bayonets. The Band of the 4th Kings Own Regiment played a programme of exquisite music which the dancers did not fail to thoroughly appreciate and

enjoy. A plentiful and *recherche* supper was spread in the room upstairs which had been used for a similar purpose at the "Bachelors" Ball, and after supper those who were contented so far, departed, whilst those who were not, remained, waltzing and enjoying themselves, to an early hour in the morning,

On Saturday (the 3rd) a Harbour Police Officer was arrested for cursing the Princes. It happened that their Royal Highnesses were about to embark at the wharf to return on board H. M. S. "Bacchante," when one of the Harbour Police officers called out to another, saying, "I say No. —, if you want to see the Princes, "you had better run down the wharf as "quick as you can." To which No. — replied: "What! those children that are "always keeping us back, (*i. e.* waiting,) God — them!" The words, however, were scarcely out of the culprit's mouth when he was put under arrest by the Sergeant, and the matter immediately reported to the Governor. His Excellency had the offender brought up to Government House, where he personally enquired into the matter; and the man having confessed that he was in liquor at the time, and expressing sorrow for the offence,

His Excellency, in consideration of his seven years' service, forgave him.

Their Royal Highnesses accompanied by some of the Officers of the *Bacchante*, paid a visit to Codrington College. The following odd mistake occurred as they approached the College, and we give it in the Princes' own words:—

“ On our arriving at the entrance of
“ the long avenue of cocoanut palms which
“ leads up to the College, there was an
“ enthusiastic gathering of negro women,
“ men, and children, to see ‘Queen Vic-
“ toria’s piccaninnies.’ They clustered
“ round the first carriage that arrived.
“ which was a wagonette containing mids
“ whom they took for us, and frantically
“ embraced every part they could lay their
“ hands on—the steps, doors, splash-board,
“ kissing these and even the wheels, and
“ overwhelming the occupants with bles-
“ sings and salutations of joy and delight.
“ When we came a little after, the first
“ burst of emotion had been let off, but
“ still enough remained to give us a hearty
“ welcome.”

From all we learn respecting their visits to the college they must have enjoyed this excursion in the country, and they planted as mementoes of their visit two

fruit trees on each side of the Portico. They also, along with the other Officers of the "Bacchante" wrote their names in the Visitors' Book, but the signatures are no longer there, the page on which they signed their names having been surreptitiously cut out of the book, and carried off by some unknown person. In the evening of Monday the 5th January, their Royal Highnesses left Carlisle Bay in H. M. S. "Bacchante" for Trinidad. We have every reason to believe that they left gratified at the reception and entertainment which they received at the hands of the Colonists, and the multitude of black faces they encountered everywhere must have been a novel sight to them accustomed only to see white faces at Home. It is stated in the "Cruise of the 'Bacchante'" edited by the Revd. John N. Dalton, M. A., that their Royal Highnesses "when out of doors in their drives or walks *by day*, saw no white face either in the "streets or country." The reason why so few white faces are met with during the day is, because the European is unable like the African to bear the burden and heat of the tropical sun, and hence in Bridgetown the employment of the former is chiefly indoors. Added to this is the fact that

the negroes are the peasantry, and that there are 10 of them to every white man. Out-of-doors occupation in Barbados does not suit the Europeans, and this statement is verified by the thousands of Scotch and Irish servants, and British political rebels sold as slaves, who in the days gone by, along with the African, were compelled to till the land: the former quickly succumbing to the climate while the latter flourished under it in spite of the cruel treatment he received. Indeed at one time so many Europeans died in the Island that Barbados was called "the grave of Europeans."

It may seem surprising to the reader (after perusing the accounts of the visits to Barbados of Prince William Henry and Prince Alfred,) that there were no Addresses presented by the Legislature, the Clergy and the Merchants of the Island to these young Princes, and that their reception was, comparatively, so unceremonious. We know that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales desired that his two sons should be put through that course of strict discipline which the Naval service exacts from its cadets and midshipmen, and perhaps therefore a quiet reception was preferred. However no

blame (if any) can be attached to the colony in the matter, as the Executive did not draw the attention of the Legislature to the intended visit of the Princes, or to their presence in the Island, and hence the Representatives of the people had no opportunity afforded them of giving expression to those loyal sentiments which have always distinguished the colonists. Yea! even from the times of King James I., of blessed memory, when (as saith the old chronicle) "they planted loyalty as well as lands, with the sweat of their brows."



No. 5.

PRINCE GEORGE FREDERICK
OF WALES, K.G.

LORD DERBY issued on the 3rd June, 1883, a circular despatch to the various Colonial Governors, informing them that His Royal Highness Prince George of Wales had been appointed to H. M. S. "Canada," commanded by Captain Durrant, R.N., and acquainting them of Her Majesty's pleasure with regard to Addresses from the Colonies to His Royal Highness.

The despatch stated that Prince George might with the concurrence of Captain Durrant and with that of Vice Admiral Sir J. E. Commerell, K.C.B., receive such Addresses as the Governor of the Colony might "consider desirable," that the replies to the Addresses were to be prepared by the Governor, and that the presentation of Addresses and the replies to them should always take place

at the Governor's House. From the terms of this despatch it would seem that Her Majesty was desirous of giving effect to what we believe were the wishes of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales—namely, that Prince George should be treated with every respect due to his high rank but that at the same time he should be subject to the strict discipline which the Navy exacts from its officers—in fact, that he should practically maintain the time-honoured motto of the Princes of Wales—*Ich Dien*.

His Royal Highness Prince George visited Barbados a second time in January 1884. On Friday (the 25th of that month) at 8 a.m., the North American and West Indian squadron, under the command of Sir J. E. Commerell, K.C.B., V.C., sailed into Carlisle Bay, the manner of the squadron's entry into the harbour being very interesting to those who witnessed it. The Flagship was the *Northampton*, and she was accompanied by Her Majesty's Ships *Dido*, *Garnet*, *Fantome*, *Griffon*, *Flamingo*, and *Canada*, the last named having on board His Royal Highness. There were no salutes or guards of honor in attendance when the Prince landed—indeed, he landed and departed

in the same quiet unceremonious manner as when he paid his first visit to our shores in H.M.S. *Bacchante*. Every respect was shewn to him otherwise, and the usual festivities consequent on the arrival of the Fleet were rendered more interesting by his presence; there being a profusion of balls, dinner-parties, tennis and cricket meetings, as long as the Fleet remained

On Saturday evening (the 26th) the Governor Sir William Robinson, gave a dinner party which was attended by the Admiral, Major-General Browne, Commanding the Forces; the Bishop (Right Rev. H. Bree); the Chief Justice, (Sir C. Packer); the Colonial Secretary, (Hon. C. C. Knollys; the Attorney General, (Hon. W. C. Reeves); and other gentlemen of distinction. On the 27th, His Royal Highness spent the day with Sir T. G. Briggs, at his residence "Farley Hill," St. Peters. On the following Tuesday (the 29th) His Excellency the Governor entertained at dinner, the Admiral; Capt. Durrant, R.N., of H.M.S. *Canada*; Prince George of Wales, and Lord Gilford, of H. M. S. *Dido*; and after dinner His Royal Highness attended the Governor's Fancy Ball, which took place at 9 p.m.

This Ball was a very agreeable one, Government House and its avenues and grounds, being brilliantly lighted up, the regimental band being in attendance, and a large number of military and naval folk, officials, ladies and gentlemen being present. The fancy costumes were as a rule elegant, and of every variety; Mr. Woolward (as a *Clown*), Mr. Lambert Phillips (as a *Christy Minstrel*), and Mr. L. Payne (as the *South Point Lighthouse*) creating much diversion. The charms of *Music* were well represented by Mrs. Archibald Pile, while Mrs. Sinclair Browne was most bewitching as a *Witch*. *Folly* (Miss Boxill), had lots of admirers and Mrs. Stokes (wife of Dr. Stokes, A. M. D.) made a beautiful *Greek Girl*. *Shylock*, (Dr. Bowen) was ready to exact the pound of flesh without the assistance of a surgeon, the Hon. H. A. Bovell made a fine personification of a *Roman Senator*, and Mr. Easty was quite an *Æsthetical* "out of the way young man." The following is a list of some of the other characters represented:—

Ladies—Mrs. H. A. Bovell, *A Toilet table*; Miss A. Packer, *Little Miss Muffet*; Mrs. T. Bowen, *Grace Darling*; Miss A. Wall, *Undine*; Miss M. King,

A Butterfly; Mrs. H. A. Pile, *Mary Queen of Scots*; Miss A. Jones, *A Puritan Maiden*; Miss Hobbs (daughter of Colonel Hobbs), *Five o'clock Tea*; Miss Justice, (daughter of Colonel Justice C. M. G.) *Greek Girl*; Miss Bree, *A Marquise*; and Mrs. G. W. Carrington, *Turkish Lady*.

Gentlemen:—Dr. Archer, *Satan*; Hon Archibald Pile, *Gentleman of the Time of the Georges*; Dr. S. Browne and Mr. J. J. Law, *Jesters*; Mr. E. Packer, *Butcher's Boy*; Mr. C. J. Lawrance, *Knight of Malta*; Mr. Edgar Ashby, *Earl of Leicester*; Mr. H. A. Pile, *Neapolitan Boatman*; and Mr. Cuthbert Bowen, *Zuave*.

Supper was served up at 12 o'clock and after supper, the guests "tripped it on the light fantastic toe" to an early hour.

On Wednesday (the 30th) a cricket match was played between the "Wanderers" Eleven and an Eleven of the Fleet, which after a hard struggle was won by the "Wanderers" The game was a very interesting one and the batting of the Revd. F. Stebbing (H. M. S. "Dido") and Messrs Robert Browne, and Theodore Clarke, was excellent—Mr. Stebbing making the highest score. On Thursday the 31st the Admiral gave a "hop" on

board the *Northampton* and on Friday evening (1st. Feby) a grand ball was given by the merchants at the Council Chamber, Public Buildings, to the Admiral and Officers of the Fleet, which His Royal Highness Prince George attended.

On Saturday (the 2nd Feby) the Fleet left Carlisle Bay, the *Northampton*, *Flamingo*, and *Canada*, (with His Royal Highness Prince George) being bound for Demerara; and with the departure of Prince George,—whose memory is still loyally cherished—ends our account of the Visits of Royalty to Barbados.

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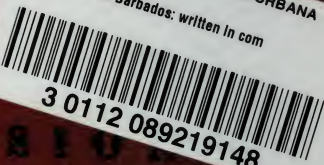
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